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SUBJ: FRG/BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL - MEDIA COMMENT

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1. SUMMARY: GERMAN PRESS COMMENT ON SUBJECT TOPIC CONTINUES, EMPHASIZING THAT GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT CANNOT BE CANCELLED. DECEMBER 10 PAPERS ("HANDELSBLATT" AND "GENERAL ANZEIGER") REPORT OFFICIAL DENIALS THAT APPROVAL OF LICENSES FOR EXPORT OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO BRAZIL HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY DELAYED. (PARA 3 REFTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. BOTH NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (BMW) ACKNOWLEDGED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGICAL DATA FOR A URANIUM ENRICHMENT DEMONSTRATION PLANT AND FOR A PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

SINCE THEY DEAL WITH "SENSITIVE FACILITIES", THESE
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED WITH SPECIAL CARE

WHICH WILL REQUIRE LONGER THAN FOR NON-SENSITIVE FACILITIES. IN THE OPINION OF THE BMW, THIS CAREFUL EXAMINATION SHOULD CALM THOSE WHO OPPOSE THIS EXPORT BECAUSE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO WORK OUT NECESSARY SECURITY PROVISIONS. THE FIRMS MAY NOT EXPECT A DECISION SOON.

3. GENERAL ANZEIGER REPORTS THAT CHANCELLER SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ARE NOT PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AGREEMENT. BOTH PAPERS NOTE THAT MINISTER MATTHOEFER HAS SAID THAT THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN DEAL IS BASED ON LEGALLY-VALID AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE FRG WILL ALWAYS REMAIN TRUE. OTHER COMMENTS DISMISS REPORTS OF "CONSIDERABLE AMERICAN PRESSURE" AS ONLY "CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS," NOTING THAT THE FRG NEVER RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE US THAT GERMANY WITHDRAW FROM THE AGREEMENT. GENERAL ANZEIGER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE USSR ALSO OPPOSES TRANSFER OF "SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES" TO NATIONS WHICH DO NOT HAVE THEM. GERMAN "POLITICAL CIRCLES" HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT SUPPLIER NATIONS CANNOT WITHHOLD THESE TECHNOLOGIES BUT MUST RATHER TRANSFER THEM UNDER APPROPRIATE CONTROLS.
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